

rounded in Lee is so that it can cooperate as a cam follower with the adjusting means 35, 46. Such reason has no applicability in the Saito system. In other words, there is no motivation suggested by the references that would lead one to somehow modify the Saito shafts 13a, 13b to have rounded ends.

The Office Action attempts to support the obviousness rejection by reasoning that the Lee rounded ends would somehow allow "ease of movement." Such reasoning is not supported, however, by the prior art. It is not seen how providing the Saito shafts 13a, 13b with rounded ends would in any way relate to ease of movement in or in connection with the Saito hold members 14a, 14b. Why would someone think that the rounded ends of Lee would allow "ease of movement" in connection with the Saito holding members? There is nothing in the references to suggest that they would provide any such ease of movement, and the Office Action provides no explanation to the contrary.

The Office Action also contends that the use of rounded ends for the Saito shafts 13a, 13b might somehow "enhance the manufacturing speed" of the apparatus. This contention is not understood. There is no support for the contention in the prior art, and the Office Action provides no explanation to the contrary.

The Office Action indicates, at the bottom of page 5, that a conclusion of obviousness, to be proper, has to be based on "knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made." In the present case, the conclusion of obviousness is based on concepts (that rounded ends would allow ease of movement in the Saito device, and that such ends might enhance manufacturing speed) that are nowhere disclosed or suggested in the prior art. The Office Action does not

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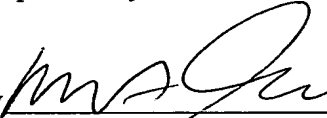
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establish that the concepts are within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

Consequently, the obviousness rejection should be withdrawn.

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